



The Bulldog

OMS Newsletter

February 2019

OMS Students, Families, and Staff,

A huge thank you to the staff and students for participating in Dodger Day! We raised \$345. Dodger is one of our school therapy dogs. He had a major surgery, and has been absent for a while. Everyone was glad to see him back on February 1st! He does a great job calming our students. One of his favorite things at school is when the students lay on him and read to him. #heLOVESreadingtime



February is kindness month. We are going to encourage our students each day during announcements to show kindness to others. Here are some examples, hold the door open, at the end of class today tell your teacher one thing about their class you enjoyed, sit by a new person at lunch, pick a different partner in class, talk to someone you haven't in a long time, give a genuine compliment to five people, intentionally smile and wave at students when you pass by. #kindnessmatters

OMS now has a Twitter page! Please follow our page: @OMSodessa

Thank you for all you do to support our school,

Mrs. Malizzi,

OMS Principal

Athletics and Activities Alert:

OMS Track is coming up fast! The final OMS athletic season begins Monday, February 25. Track & Field is open to all eligible 7th and 8th grade students, and practices will be held daily until 4:30. Participating students **MUST** have a current physical on file to participate. A physical that gets completed this month is good for the remainder of this school year AND the entire 19-20 school year as well!

Intramurals are off to a strong start and have averaged 30 students attending daily. Basketball and volleyball will be the main focus, so make sure to listen to announcements.

Congratulations to the OMS Basketball teams for successful seasons on and off the court! A special shout out to the Boys A team who finished with an impressive 14-1 record!

Important Dates:

Feb. 13 - No Intramurals due to the OMS Spelling Bee

Feb. 25 - First Day of Track Practice -- Need a current physical on file!

* Please check the Odessa R-VII website for full OMS sports schedules.

Mr. Doering, OMS Assistant Principal & Athletic Director



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Bulldogs of the Month

Students:

KiLynn Moody, Marci Davis, Luke MacLaughlin, Rylee Coffman, Connor Beauchamp, Hunter Lunceford Ronnie Finn

Staff Member Spotlight

Mrs. Grubb

Mrs. Grubb has taught for 23 years. She played volleyball and basketball in college! She is married and has three daughters. She loves walking with friends. Mrs. Grubb said, "I love teaching 6th grade and have made so many awesome friends here!!!!" We are very lucky to have Mrs. Grubb at OMS.

FUN FACT:

She can not live without chocolate!



We love learning!

Dates of Interest:

February 15th– No School– Professional Dev. Day

February 18th– No School– Presidents' Day

February 25th– STEP Meeting 3:15-4:00pm

March 5th– McTeacher Night 3:30-7:00pm

Mental Health Awareness

Signs of Self-injury:

*Unexplained or clustered wounds or scars

*Fresh cuts, bruises, or burns

*Bandages worn frequently

*Inappropriate clothing for the season (long sleeves and pants in the summer)

For more information please contact Mrs. Cowman, OMS social worker, at 633-1500.

Test your OMS Staff Knowledge!

Match the class with the staff member.

1. Secretary

A. Mrs. Thomas

2. Social Worker

B. Ms. Schloman

3. Secretary

C. Mrs. Cowman

4. Secretary

D. Mr. Davis

5. Counselor

E. Mrs. Dandurand

Students who turn in the correct answers to Mrs. Malizzi will get chocolate!